

BellSouth somehow believes that granting it an effective monopoly on DSL service will somehow increase competition and benefit the customer. This assertion is 100% false.

BellSouth already controls 90% of the DSL market in it's territory and is looking to capture the other 10%. I am one of those 10%. I chose a DSL service from an independent ISP because I wanted options that were not offered through the ILEC, or, if offered, were priced significantly higher.

If BellSouth and other ILECs were allowed monopoly on DSL service, I, the customer, would be hurt. I would be forced to accept the service the service options that the ILEC felt were right for a vast majority of its customer base, however were not right for me. If the services I wanted were available, the lack of competition would allow the to charge unacceptably large fees for them.

In short, it would cost me more money for less service.

This is why I feel that BellSouths petition should be denied in its entirety.

Respectfully,
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